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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 5070

USCINCEUR AND CINCUSNAVEUR ALSO FOR POLADS

ALGIERS FOR AST. SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MO SS SP MR AG

SUBJECT: SAHARA DEVELOPMENTS

1. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: SPANISH EMBOFF ADVISES THAT VISIT  
OF JOSE SOLIS CAME UP AT LAST MINUTE AND THAT EMBASSY ONLY  
LEARNED AOOOT IT TODAY. HE OPINED THAT VISIT PROBABLY RESULTED  
FROM OCT. 20 MEETING OF SPANISH CABINET. CALLED SOLIS MAN  
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OF "GREAT IMPORTANCE." MEANWHILE, GOM AMB, TO MADRID

FILALI RETURNED TO MADRID FOLLOWING HIS ONE DAY CONSULTATIONS IN MARRAKECH. SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY MAP REPORTS THAT HE MET ON RETURN TO MADRID THIS MORNING, OCT 21, FOR 50 MINUTES WITH FON MIN CORTINA.

2. AN OPPOSITION VIEW: MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ISTIQLAL PARTY, INITIATED MEETING WITH EMBOFF TO DISCUSS SAHARA. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY OF ISTIQLAL WITH "NATION, OTHER PARTIES, AND KING" IN CURRENT STAGE OF SAHARA CAMPAIGN. ISTIQLALI ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN US REACTION TO RECENT EVENTS, TO WHICH EMBOFF REPLIED IN NEUTRAL MANNER.

3. MARCH UNDERWAY: THE OFFICIAL DEPARTURE OF THE FIRST GROUP OF MARCHERS, FROM KAAR ES SOUK, (RABAT 5014) GOT UNDERWAY THIS AFTERNOON WITH GREAT FANFARE. CEREMONIAL SENDOFF ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER OSMAN. ACCORDING TO SOME UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, GOM IS NOW AIMING FOR ASSEMBLY IN TARFAYA FOR FINAL LEG TO AL AYOUN BY OCT. 27 OR 28. MEANWHILE, PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE IN RABAT AND ELSEWHERE. GOM HAS INCREASED SECURITY DETAILS NEAR SPANISH AND ALGERIAN EMBASSIESGM

4. COMMENT: COUNTRY SEEMS TO BE WORKING ITSELF UP TO HIGH PITCH. MISSION OFFICIALS INCREASINGLY ENCOUNTERING QUESTIONING RE USG POSITION. THIS INTEREST WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE WITH VISIT ASST. SECY ATHERTON, WHOSE OCT 22 ARRIVAL JUST ANNOUNCED BY MAP.  
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